

Outdoor Report

The week of April 27th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"

- Anglers are reminded that only one walleye 20 inches or longer can be kept in their daily limit.
- We are now accepting applications for the following seasons:
 - Elk
 - Bighorn Sheep
 - Mountain Goat
 - Paddlefish
 - Applications must be postmarked by May 22nd and online applications will be taken until 8am CDT May 27th.

Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike, catfish and walleye. Most of the walleye being caught are below 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. **Reminder: walleye need to be 15 inches or longer.**

Elm Lake: Anglers have been catching some northern pike and the occasional walleye. The walleye bite has been slow.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14 to 16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge, Weismantel Grade and the state line bridge.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching some walleye and northern pike. The walleye bite has been slow.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Antelope Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and an occasional walleye.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and smaller largemouth bass.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye, with the occasional 20+ inch fish.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Cotton Wood Lake: Fishermen are catching northern pike.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: Shore fishing activity has picked up all over the lake. Every day angler reports include a few northern, white bass and walleye

Lake Kampeska: Kampeska continues to be steady. The shore fishermen and boat fishermen have reported good catches all day long on walleye, northern and smallmouth bass.

Dry Lake: Still pretty steady for walleye fishing this week. The shore fishermen have been reporting better catches than the boat fishermen so far.

Goose Lake: The Grover road continues to be a popular spot to fish. Anglers are still catching fish ranging from 14 inches to over 20 inches.

Long Lake: Starting to see a bit more shore fishing activity this week. Anglers are catching a few nice walleye.

Grass Lake: Mostly seeing bow fishing activity on the outlet between Dry and Grass Lake this week. A few shore fishermen have been fishing around the boat ramp in the evenings as well.

3rd Ave Pond: Last week the fishing pier was roped off. This week, it's back in business. Fishing has been good for pan fish and some trout.

Stink: No angler traffic.

Blythe Slough: Good shore fishing this week with anglers reporting nice fish over 20 inches, but it has been tough catching eaters.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Fishing pressure significantly increased this past weekend with the nice weather. Anglers had success catching some nice walleye and the occasional perch.

Waubay: Shore anglers seem to be having the best luck catching walleye, northern pike and white bass.

Reetz: Several anglers had success catching a few crappies, bass and the occasional walleye.

Enemy Swim: Anglers are catching a few bluegill and crappie.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Anglers are still catching a few northern pike from shore. The walleye bite has been hit and miss, but the best bite continues to be after sunset.

Lake Cochrane: A few bass and crappie are being caught. There hasn't been a whole lot of boat activity, but anglers have found some good success fishing near docks along shore for crappie.

Lake Oliver: No fishing activity.

Lake Ketchum: No fishing activity.

Clear Lake: A few northern pike are being caught.

Fish Lake: No fishing activity.

School: A few northern pike are being caught.

Round: Fishing has been slow. Anglers are catching the occasional northern pike.

Bullhead: Very little activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Turkey: Hunters have had pretty good luck so far this season. Most of the hunting pressure has been in the northwest corner of the county.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: No activity.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Anglers are catching a few larger walleye on the south end of the lake. The northern end of the lake seems to be producing a few more fish, but the size quality has been better down south. Fishing slowed down a bit near the end of last week and over the weekend. Those cool couple of days last week really dropped the water temperature, which probably had something to do with the slower bite. Warmer weather forecasted this week should turn the fishing back on again.

Summit Lake: Very little activity.

Hunters Quarry: No report of activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Turkey: Hunters faired pretty well so far this season. Continue to be safe and make sure you obtain permission before entering private land.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Starting to see a bit more boat traffic on the water at Poinsett. Anglers are picking up a few more walleye lately. The smallmouth fishing has been decent and the occasional northern is being caught as well.

Reminder: There is a 15" minimum length on walleye

Fedt Slough: No angler reports.

Three Buck: No angler reports.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Still plenty of shore fishermen around the lake in the evenings. We are starting to see a few keepers, but most anglers are going home empty handed.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: Starting to see some wader fishing activity with anglers reporting slow catches on walleye in the 17 inch range.

Lake Mary/John: Some shore and boat fishing activity but nothing too hot and heavy yet.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Opitz: There has been a decent walleye bite in the evenings. Anglers fishing from shore are having good luck with a jig and a minnow. Boat anglers are also having luck pitching jigs in the trees next to shore.

Cattail: A few nice walleye have been caught along the grade north of Fort Sisseton. The late night bite seems to produce the best fishing.

White: A few walleye have been caught in the evenings. The crappie bite remains slow.

West Stink Lake: No activity.

Roy: The main lake rock piles have produced some nice bass and walleye. Night anglers seem to be catching some nice sized walleye.

Clear: Some nice bass have been caught along with a few walleye and northern pike.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Most snow geese have left the area.

Turkey: The Turkey hunters found good success over the weekend. The birds are really responding to calls in the mornings. Scouting seems to be the key to success. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Mina: Activity has been slow. A few northern pike have been caught.

Scatterwood: The boat ramp is getting repaired. Anglers are starting to pick up a few walleye and northern pike.

Long: No activity.

Eureka: Fishing has been slow.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Walleye bite is good throughout the lake. Most guys are pitching jigs into the shallows, but some anglers are having luck pulling spinners or cranks bait down the lake. A few anglers caught catfish as well.

Dry Wood Lake: Anglers are finding a few walleye and northern pike shore fishing. Anglers are also finding walleyes pitching jigs and crank baits towards shore from boats. **Be sure to pick up a tribal license if you access the lake or fish from the tribal land.**



Hunting report:

Turkey: Hunters are having good luck finding birds. Some toms are harder to call in since they have a bunch of hens with them already.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: The walleye bite has slowed down. Anglers are still getting a few walleyes throughout the day. Most of the fish are in the 15 inch range. Crappie rigs from shore seem to be working the best.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity.

Cottonwood Lake: The fishing pressure was low with the recent cold weather. Anglers are still getting some walleyes, but only towards evening.

Redfield Lake: No activity.

James River: Anglers are having good success catching walleyes at the Spink County Dam. A few walleyes are being caught north throughout the area as well.